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Alessandra Torresani

Alessandra Olivia Toreson (born May 29, 1987), known professionally as **Alessandra Torresani**, is an American actress. She is known for playing Zoe Graystone in the science fiction television series *Caprica* and Claire in *The Big Bang Theory*.

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Torresani in April 2009

Born	Alessandra Olivia Toreson May 29, 1987 Palo Alto, California, U.S.
Occupation	Actress
Years active	1996–present
Spouse	Sturgis Adams
Children	Lady Francis Adams
Parents	James Sylvester Toreson (father) Marcia Glow (mother)

Early life

Alessandra Olivia Toreson was born on May 29, 1987, in Palo Alto, California.[1] Coming from a wealthy family, she is the daughter of James Sylvester Toreson, overseer of a number of multimillion dollar technology startups at Freedom Motors Inc. and CEO of Toreson Industries, Inc, a company he founded in 1983, and wife Marcia Glow, managing director of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.[2][3]

She began studying dancing and singing when she was two years old. At the age of 8, she landed a job doing interviews between cartoons on The WB Television Network. She holds a black belt in taekwondo.[4]

She has stated that she is "half-Jewish."[5]

Career

Torresani's television debut was at age nine when she hosted the "Kids' WB Club" for San Francisco's KBWB (Channel 20). She co-starred in the Disney Channel Original Movie *Going to the Mat*. Her other television credits include guest appearances on *Even Stevens*, *JAG*, *ER*, *The War at Home*, *Malcolm In The Middle*, *Arrested Development*, *Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles*, and *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* among others. In May 2008, Torresani was cast as Zoe Graystone in Syfy's *Caprica*,[6] a prequel spin-off of *Battlestar Galactica*, which debuted in 2009.

In 2009, *Rolling Stone* announced that she was cast to play Lita Ford in *The Runaways*, a biopic about the all-girl punk band of the same name.[7] *Variety* later reported that it was Scout Taylor-Compton who would play Ford.[8] In 2010, Torresani was featured as a Girl of *Maxim*.[9]

In 2013, Torresani starred in the comedy web series *Husbands*, which first aired on September 13, 2011.[10]

In 2016, she appeared in five episodes of *The Big Bang Theory*, playing the role of bartender and aspiring screenwriter Claire.

Personal life

Torresani lives with bipolar disorder and hosts *EmotionAL Support with Alessandra Torresani*, a mental health podcast.[11]

She is married to Sturgis Adams and has one daughter, Lady Francis Adams.[12]

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1999	*Lost and Found*	Park Girl	
2000	*Mad Song*	Alex	
2000	*Baby Bedlam*	Becky	
2010	*Annie Goes Boating*	Annie	Short film
2012	*Playback*	Brianna	
2013	*The Moment*	Emma	
2016	*Car Dogs*	Sheri	
2018	*Step Sisters*	Amber	Direct-to-video film

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1997	*KaBlam!*	n/a	Episode: "Brothers Tiki"
1998	*ER*	Kate	Episode: "Stuck on You"
1999	*Working*	Tiffany	Episode: "The Prodigy"
1999	*My Last Love*	Emma	Movie
2000	*Popular*	Emily/Emma	Episode: "Baby, Don't Do It!"
2000	*Even Stevens*	Mimi Nagurski	Episode: "Luscious Lou"
2003	*Newton*	Holly Pryor	Movie
2001, 2003	*Malcolm in the Middle*	Sara Coleman/Kirsten	Episodes: "Malcolm's Girlfriend", "Thanksgiving"
2004	*Going to the Mat*	Mary Beth Rice	Movie
2004	*JAG*	Susan Smithfield	Episode: "Coming Home"
2004	*Arrested Development*	Ann Veal	Episode: "Let 'Em Eat Cake", character was portrayed by Mae Whitman in every other appearance
2004	*Grounded for Life*	Carolyn	Episode: "I'm Looking Through You"
2005	*Love, Inc.*	Holly	Episode: "Major Dad"
2005	*The War at Home*	Alison	Episode: "The Bigger They Come"
2006	*Grand Union*	Meaghan McBride	Movie
2007	*Bones*	Teenaged Girl Elf	Episode: "The Santa in the Slush"
2008	*Happy Campers*	Dylan Dixon	Movie
2008	*Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles*	Jordan Cowan	Episode: "The Turk"
2009	*CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*	Bree Lindale	Episode: "Turn, Turn, Turn"
2009–10	*Caprica*	Zoe Graystone	Series regular (16 episodes)
2011	*RuPaul's Drag Race*	Herself/Guest Judge	Episode: "Queens in Space"
2011	*Warehouse 13*	Meagan Reese	Episode: "Shadows"
2011–13	*Husbands*	Haley	8 episodes
2011	*American Horror Story*	Stephanie Boggs	Episodes: "Halloween: Part 2", "Piggy Piggy"
2014	*Two and a Half Men*	Kathy	Episode: "Thirty-Eight, Sixty-Two, Thirty-Eight"
2015	*The Fosters*	Brooke	Season 3. 3 episodes
2015	*Workaholics*	Crystal	Episode: "Dorm Daze"
2016–17	*The Big Bang Theory*	Claire	Recurring (season 9) Guest (season 10)
2016	*Lucifer*	Naomi	Episode: "Pops"
2020	*Batwoman*	Duela Dent	Episode: "Grinning from Ear to Ear"

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